

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**Title:** "System, Method, and Service for Federating and Optionally  
Migrating a Local File System into a Distributed File System while  
Preserving Local Access to Existing Data"

**Applicants:** Ralph Becker-Szendy, et al.

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of **December 29, 2006**, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.